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LB 369, 972

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. LB 972.

CLERK: Mr. President, 972 is on Select File. It has been considered by the body as of March 29. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Could we please have it quieter in the middle of the floor, please. (Gavel.) Thank you, gentlemen. What did you say, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Moore. Senator Moore, advance.

SENATOR MOORE: Move we advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Peterson...excuse me, Senator Moore. Senator Peterson, did you wish to discuss the bill? Senator Withem, did you want to talk about the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, just very briefly, I feel an obligation to speak on the bill. I know that the political landscapes probably have changed considerably since the other day when the bill failed to advance, 20 votes to advance, 20 votes not to advance. I still think it's bad tax policy, regardless of whether there are more dollars in the state kitty than we expected there to be or not, it's still bad tax policy to continue to exempt things from the sales tax. For that reason, I would urge those 20 or so senators that voted against advancement the other day to continue to vote against advancement. I plan to. With that, I'm not going to belabor the bill or belabor the debate. If there are others who wish to speak, they should do so, but I'm not going to speak any further other than to indicate I continue to oppose this bill and urge others to do so also.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President, members, I haven't talked today. On this one though I have to ask a question or two, if I can, of Senator Peterson or anybody.

PRESIDENT: Senator Peterson.